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Mrs. RUTH PAINE, 2515 West 5th Street, furnished the following information:

When she was originally interviewed by Agents of the FBI regarding the possibility of her making available letters and notes received from MARINA OSWALD by her, she at that time declined to furnish these items, primarily because of the personal nature of these letters and notes having to do with the marriage difficulties of RUTH and MICHAEL PAINE, and LEE and MARINA OSWALD. One reason that she declined to furnish these letters at this time was that she felt that information being furnished to the Commission had, on occasion, been "leaked" to the press.

She based this opinion upon the fact that about February 28 or 29, 1964, she had received a telephone call from a member of the press in which she was asked if she "knew about the rifle" on October 23, 1963. She stated that from the way the question was asked, she was of the opinion that the questioner had received information about the notation "Oct. 23" in the left-hand, upper corner of Mrs. PAINE's calendar for the month of March 1963. Mrs. PAINE stated that no one had discussed this notation, "Oct. 23", until she was asked about it by Agents of the FBI a short time before she received the telephone call from this member of the press. She, therefore, concluded that the information about this notation had been "leaked" from authoritative sources. She stated that she did not believe that the questioner had the full information since he did not mention that the notation appeared on a calendar, but he had enough information to ask the question about the significance of the date October 23, 1963.

She stated that she is unable to recall who the man was that called her and asked this question since she talked to so many representatives of the press since November 22, 1963, but that she believes it was either JACK LANGKOTT of the Los Angeles Bureau of the New York Times or ISAAC DON LEVINE, a

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writer whose home is in Waldorf, Maryland.

Mrs. PAINE also advised that since her first observation she has also theorized that the person asking her this question might have obtained his information from MARINA OSWALD since this was after MARINA had testified before the Commission and that MARINA could have been shown the calendar with the notation on it or may have been asked directly about the entry "Oct. 23".